

**SOUTH AFRICA.**

**Serious State of Affairs—Forces Altogether Inadequate.**

Buluwayo has been put in a state of defense so far as the means at hand permits, but there is a lack of arms and ammunition. Thousands of stands of arms, which were believed to be at the disposal of the British Chartered Company's officials, seem to have mysteriously disappeared, and few people doubt that they are now in the hands of the Boers. Thus, time must elapse before arms and ammunition can reach here from England, and in the meanwhile the situation must necessarily grow more grave.

The agent of the Chartered Company has been duly authorized to raise an additional force of 500 men, but though the men are available, arms, ammunition and horses are wanting.

The whole of the country outside of a radius of about twelve miles around Buluwayo is in a state of open insurrection and the Matabeles and other natives are flocking to their Matobo hills, where the son of the late King Lobengula is said to have been raised to his father's rank with much ceremony, preparatory to taking command of the army of insurgent natives flocking to the hills from all parts. The vicinity of Buluwayo is kept clear of rebels by the white scouts, but it is believed that the natives are being kept fully informed of all that is going on. Nobody now doubts that the root of the trouble is Pretoria, and that Berlin is kept well informed regarding the progress of the uprising.

Advices from the Transvaal show that the work of preparing for war is being continued there night and day. Gangs of men relieve each other at intervals in the work upon the armored forts designed to protect Pretoria, the plates for which have been furnished by the Crenset works and the guns by the Krupp firm of Germany. The drilling of artillerymen under German officers goes on openly every day. There is no longer any concealment in the preparations being made. The foreign legion composed almost entirely of Germans who have recently entered the Transvaal is organized. This force will be mostly infantry and artillery, the Boers being relied upon to furnish all the cavalry necessary.

It is learned that five white men including Mers, Cass, Hanley and Burford have been murdered at Inyati, forty miles north-east of Buluwayo. A patrol force which was sent to the relief of Inyati found that the place was



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